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1. The Steagul Rosu Works, which was formerly the Astra Car Factory, is located about six kilometers from the center of Stalin (Brasov), and about three kilometers from the city limits on the right side of the main road leading to Darste. During World War II, the factory was equipped with German machinery and was used for various purposes, one of which was the manufacture of ammunition.
2. Difficulties arose in repairing the German machinery. At the end of a general overhaul, the machines were in worse condition than before starting repairs. Later deliveries of equipment included Hungarian milling cutters and drills, Czech lathes and milling cutters, [redacted] However, the machinery from the people's democracies was roughly manufactured. Spare parts were made in the factory. 25X1
3. In 1951, the foundry section had two blast furnaces for cast iron and a Siemens-Martin furnace. In 1953, very modern enlargements were made in the foundry and two new blast furnaces were added for cast iron and steel. 25X1
4. The Steagul Rosu Works is divided into the following sections: 25X1
 - a. Car Section - This section is twice as large as the other sections. It produces freight cars which have exchangeable axles and are exported to the Soviet Union. The cars are said to be double the size of those in general traffic. Tank cars are also delivered to the USSR. The estimate of the total monthly output is more than 30 cars, half freight cars and half tank cars. 25X1
 - b. Ball Bearing Section - This section is the second largest section of the factory and, at the time of observation, was the only installation in Rumania which produced ball bearings. 25X1

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